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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AND AGREEMENT ON
PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

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1. FONOFF DIRECTORS OF NATO AND EC POLITICAL
CONSULTATION DEPARTMENTS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT
SEPT 4-5 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND SEPT 10-11
EC-NINE FONMINS MEETING WILL TREAT VARIOUS ASPECTS

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OF US/EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP. THE EC-NINE GROUP OF

CORRESPONDENTS WILL SEEK DURING AUGUST TO PREPARE THOSE MEETINGS AND, AS REPORTED REFTEL, OUR SOURCES SAID ONE TOPIC TO BE CONSIDERED WOULD BE POLITICAL EFFECTS FOR US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS OF US/SOVIET AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. OUR SOURCES SAID THAT AT FRENCH INITIATIVE THIS AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED BY MINISTERS AT COPENHAGEN.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, OUR SOURCES SAID JULY 23 EC COPENHAGEN MINISTERIAL HAD NOT REPEAT NOT ESTABLISHED A SPECIFIC WORKING GROUP TO DEAL WITH THE ATOMIC AGREEMENT; NOR, ADDED OUR SOURCES, WOULD AUGUST DISCUSSIONS BY CORRESPONDENTS ENTAIL DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY ASPECTS, SUCH AS NATO STRATEGY OR NPG DOCUMENTS ON USE OF TACNUCS. THIS IS DUE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO THE FACT THAT DEFENSE MINISTRY REPS SO FAR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS.

3. OUR SOURCES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OR MINISTERS COULD OF COURSE DETERMINE IN SEPTEMBER THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR FURTHER PC STUDY OR FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PC WORKING GROUP TO DEAL WITH SUCH POLITICAL/SECURITY TYPE PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE, EVEN INDEPENDENTLY OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO EUROPE. BUT NATO DEPT CHIEF, WHO PARTICIPATED IN COPENHAGEN "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" ON TOPIC, SAID MOST EC-NINE REPS PREFERRED THAT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF US/SOVIET AGREEMENT BE IN NATO FORUM. HE ADDED THAT, FOLLOWING SCHEEL AND LEBER VISITS TO WASHINGTON, THE FRG SEES NO REAL NEED FOR FURTHER DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE A-PACT, A POINT REITERATED BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND FONMIN SCHEEL RESPECTIVELY IN WEEKEND INTERVIEWS WITH THE WESTFAELISCHEN RUNDSCHAU AND DER SPIEGEL. HILLENBRAND

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